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THE SECOND HALF

We scored big in the first half.....our half time show (2005 National Convention) was spectacular! Now it's time to concentrate on the last half and make the most of the remainder of the year. In order to bring home a winning season in 2005....and to go on to a great year in 2006, we need to do a little strategic planning, and we need your help.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a Member Survey, which asks for your opinion on a number of important areas. We need to know your thoughts regarding member benefits, chapter operations, planning for 2006 and your ideas for how the Chapter should use any profits from the Convention. Please take the time to provide your suggestions and opinions. These will be enormously helpful in making our plans for 2006, which, don't forget, is our 50th Anniversary of the Chapter!

As for our second half..... here are the major events that we still have to tackle.

Elections to the 2006 Board

We also need your input with regard to the leadership of the Chapter. Nominations are being taken now for positions on the 2006 Board of Directors. Currently we have no candidate(s) for the Associate Director position, so if you'd like to serve or know someone who would, contact the AIA LV office and get their name on the ballot now. Ballots will be sent out on August 2nd and are due back by September 1st, 2005.

AIA Las Vegas Product Show

Our Product Show is one of the most important events of the year, and provides an excellent opportunity for all members of the architectural community to see what's new in products and services. This year we'll have 100 exhibitors and a full day of C.E. sessions. We've sold 80 of the 100 booths, so if you were planning to be an exhibitor the booths are selling out fast....better let us know now. Wednesday, October 5th – Stardust Hotel Ballroom.

AIA Las Vegas 32nd Annual Golf Tournament

One of the highlight events of our year is scheduled for the fall this year (October 17th) since we could not do it in the spring. Teams and sponsorships are going quickly, so get your bid in. Monday, October 17th – Spanish Trail Golf Course

AIA Nevada Excellence In Design & Distinguished Service Awards

This is just an early tip.... The call for entries will be going out this month and the deadline for entry forms and fees is September 2. Once again this year we are saluting ALL members of the design team for each project. The design and service awards banquet will be held at Caesars Palace on Saturday, November 5th.

Holiday Celebration

Our end-of-the-year Holiday Celebration is always a memorable event and it will be even better this year! Celebrate the successes of 2005 and look forward to the 50th Anniversary of the Chapter in 2006.

All this and more is planned for the second half of the year.... So take a little breather in July....and get ready to hit the ground running in August!

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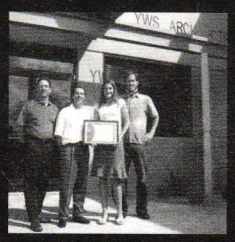
2005 AIA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



The winner of the 1st annual Youngblood Wucherer Sparer Architects' (YWS) Award of Excellence Scholarship is Amanda Twitchell, a graduating 4th year student continuing into the Masters Degree Program at the UNLV School of Architecture.

The winners of the William E. Snyder Honorary Scholarship are Namyd Lyoubi and Yissa Reneteria. They will each receive $1,000 to be used towards their UNLV studies. A special thanks to Bill Snyder, FAIA of Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects for his generous offer to sponsor an additional student this year.

The winner of this year's John Klai Honorary Scholarship is Rebecca Nolan. Rebecca will receive $2,500 to be used toward her UNLV studies.

And lastly, the winners of the AIA Las Vegas Third Year Scholarships are Zhiya Wu and Jose Aguilar, who will each receive $1,500 to be used toward their UNLV studies.

Congratulations to all of the students who received scholarships this year and a special "thank you" to all of those who support this program.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Architect
Ping Ku, AIA
Perini Building Company

Associate AIA
Eric DeMoss, Assoc. AIA
Swisher & Hall, AIA, Ltd.

Savita Diva, Assoc. AIA
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Stanilas Indarto, Assoc. AIA
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Edward Kaminski
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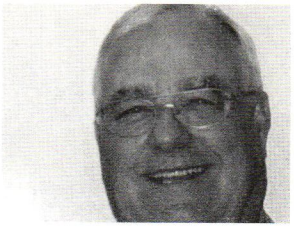
AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr. Robert A. Fielden, FAIA



SUMMERTIME

For those of you who don't yet know, the AIA national convention held here the end of May was the most successful AIA convention ever; and it was also their most profitable. It won't be long before AIA will want to be coming back. A large part of the success is the result of the Mandalay Bay Hotel, and its staff who was able to accommodate all of AIA's logistical problems. These problems were good problems to have - with the largest attendance turnout ever, and the Mandalay Bay resolved them quickly and efficiently. The majority of the problems stemmed from AIA planning its program requirements around last year's experience in Chicago, rather than considering issues associated with a much larger turnout – as everyone here expected.

The local chapter will also profit from this year's convention, although it may be August or September before we have the final-results and tally. However, all of you have a stake in this success and we want to have input from you regarding how this reward should be utilized. Beyond insuring that a significant reserve is created for the chapter for its future, there have been a number of suggestions for sponsoring new chapter efforts, from helping fund the new research foundation for architecture for education to creating a new publishing arm within the chapter. But, before advancing any of these ideas, the board wants to hear from you and reflect on your thoughts and wisdom in this regard. The board will be meeting in August for a long-range planning workshop and this issue will be part of the agenda – so please let us hear from you.

Although the year is now more than half over there are still five months of work ahead for the chapter - and much of that work will be starting this next month in August. The AIA WMR Conference is in August at the Biltmore Hotel in Scottsdale. If you can, plan to attend. The hotel is a great old building enriched with marvelous details of the early Taliesin Frank Lloyd Wright era. It would be great if Elizabeth Wright Ingram, FLW's granddaughter – and noted architect in her own right – would speak to the conference regarding her grandfather and his work in the desert outside of Scottsdale.

So, enjoy what summer relief you have and get ready for the fall – it's just around the corner.

WE'RE ON THE ROAD TO HAWAII

AIA Las Vegas Office closed in July

The month of July will be vacation time and no meetings or events are planned. From July 1 – 31, office hours will be very limited. From July 11-17, Randy and Kelly Lavigne will be in Maui ..... drinking pineapple and rum drinks with little umbrellas in them.....and sleeping! Any urgent business can be directed to Debi Raffi at draffi@aianevada.org or you can leave a voicemail at 702.895.0936. See you in August!

ELECTIONS TO THE AIA LAS VEGAS BOARD

Ballots for the 2006 AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors will be sent out in August and are due back to the Chapter on September 1st, 2005. Board members will be announced in September and will officially take office at the December End of the Year Holiday Celebration. We currently have no candidates for Associate Director, so if you know of anyone who may be interested, please have them contact Randy Lavigne at 702.895.0936. Below is the list of nominees, the position they have been nominated for and their candidate statements:

Curt Carlson, AIA - President-Elect
No Statement Submitted

Shelly Hayden, AIA - Dir. of Scholarships
No Statement Submitted

Mark Hobiaca, AIA - 2 Year Director
No Statement Submitted

Roy Burson, AIA - 1 Year Director
"Entering into the second year of being a Director for AIA, I will continue to become more familiar with the benefits AIA can bring into the architectural profession and will strive to positively increase the role of the Architect in the construction industry."

Gary Eddington, AIA - 1 Year Director
"I joined BJG Architecture & Engineering in 2003 as a project manager in the Las Vegas office. A Graduate of UNLV, I have worked in the Las Vegas market for 15 years with experience in private, public and residential architecture."

Michele Tayengco, AIA - 1 Year Director
"I am interested in serving on the AIA Las Vegas board as a 1-year director because I have a desire to make a difference to the AIA and our community. I bring to the position my enthusiasm and the same leadership and management talents I put to use to get the AIA Las Vegas Exhibits show produced and mounted for this past national convention."

Rick Van Diepen, Assoc. AIA - Intern Director
No Statement Submitted

Shelly Cannon - Allied Director
"As a Principal at TJK (formally TJ Krob), I have been involved with AIA for approximately 14 years. I have supported the organization as a volunteer committee member for golf tournaments, putting tournaments, the annual product show, CANstruction, and most recently at the National Convention. The strength of AIA relies on its relationships between its various types of members and the allied members play a crucial supporting role in the success of the Chapter. As Allied Director, my intention would be to strengthen the connection and increase the support between AIA and the allied members, as well as work with the Board to grow our Chapter."

Jim Begley - Allied Director
"As the Allied Director I would increase awareness of how the Allied members can benefit from membership, while highlighting the benefits the Allied members bring to the architectural members. This is made possible by my past experience in interacting with the Las Vegas architectural community through AIA. My contributions include participation in past presentations for AIA Southern and Northern Nevada in various roles. These include luncheon presentations, key speaker at the Northern Nevada exposition and at a technical session for the AIA Interns. As a frequent participant in AIA functions, I feel I could contribute in understanding what is important to a wide variety of members. This is essential in providing the services necessary for a strong and beneficial Allied membership."

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Future of High-Rise Residential in Las Vegas

What is the future of high-rise residential in Las Vegas? There are lots of rumors and lots of speculations but who knows what's actually happening? You will, if you attend our August Membership Meeting because you'll hear from a panel of experts who are the planners, designers and project managers for these exciting developments.

Jack Christie, Trump International Hotel & Tower; and Sara Prinsloo, representing Related Las Vegas and the ICON project will be among the panel members who will be providing information and discussing these exciting projects.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 17th, in the 2nd Floor Ballroom at the Gold Coast Hotel, with reception beginning at 5:30PM, dinner at 6:30PM..and the program at 7:20PM. This is a joint meeting with CSI. Make your plans to attend now. RSVP to Kelly Lavigne at 895.0936 or klavigne@aianevada.org

(Special Note: Our thanks to Chuck Coleman, AIA for arranging the speakers and program for our August Meeting.)

AIA LAS VEGAS RSVP POLICY

We request that each member have the courtesy to RSVP at least two days prior to the meeting, which allows time to order the appropriate number of meals and make the proper arrangements. If members RSVP as requested there is no charge for the meeting. However, for those who do not RSVP, and simply show up for the meeting, there is a charge for the cost of the meal, AND, for those who do RSVP, and then simply do not show up for the meeting, there is a charge for the meal.

CENTENNIAL TIME CAPSULE DESIGN COMPETITION

Las Vegas has been commemorating its 100th anniversary with a yearlong celebration to help residents and others learn about and appreciate our city's heritage. The Las Vegas Centennial Committee, working in conjunction with the local chapters of the AIA, the Las Vegas Arts Commission and NAIOP, has initiated the Las Vegas Centennial Time Capsule project. The purpose of the Time Capsule is allow a public venue for the community to reflect on the things that have made our city great and to look forward to a bright and promising future.

The Time Capsule will contain a collection of items taken from across the Las Vegas community. From city archives, local schools, local businesses, community organizations, government representatives, and our citizens; items will be carefully selected to represent life in Las Vegas during the Centennial year. When completed the Time Capsule will be on display as a piece of public art and will be located in downtown Las Vegas. The time capsule itself will be located inside, underneath, or on top of a special piece of identifying public art.

The design of the time capsule, and the public art which identifies it, will be determined through a competition. Within the next few weeks an RFP will be announced regarding this special project. Design teams, consisting of architects, artists and contractors, will be formed and their challenge will be to design and build the time capsule and the public art that will identify it in accordance with the requirements. The exact criteria for the competition, and the exact location for the time capsule are still being confirmed, and will be announced within the next few weeks. The Centennial Committee will review all submittals and select the winning design.

If you are interested in participating in this design competition, you can get your name added to the contact list by sending an email to Randy Lavigne at rlavigne@aianevada.org.

2005 AIA LAS VEGAS SPRING PUTTING TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the winners of the AIA LV Spring Putting Tournament, held on June 3rd at Angel Park Golf Course.

First Place winning team was TJK Consulting Engineers, Second Place went to Nevada Sales and in Third Place was Candella Sales.

Our special thanks to all who attended and especially to the generous sponsors who made this event so much fun!

1st Place Team
TJK Consulting Engineers:
Ken Meechudhone, Allied AIA
Robert Clarke
Jeff Iverson
Patrick Myrick
Tom Anderson, Allied AIA

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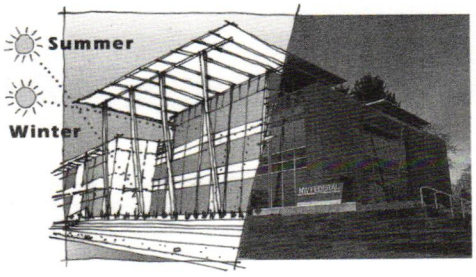

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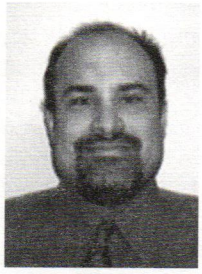
BRIEFS

Sandberg & Small Architecture is pleased to announce that **KEN SMALL, AIA** has acquired 100% ownership of Sandberg & Small Architecture, LLC. effective as of April 2005. Sandberg & Small Architecture, LLC's offices, facilities, email addresses, web site etc. are all unchanged by this acquisition. SSA's offices continue to be at 4630 South Arville, Suite A. SSA is a general practice of architecture including institutional, commercial, recreational, medical and office projects. SSA and Ken wish Mark the best and congratulate him on his new practice in Henderson.

Benny Cannizaro



Alan Wendelboe

Sandberg & Small Architecture is pleased to announce the promotion of **BENNY L. CANNIZARO, AIA, CSI, CCS, CCCA** to Partner. Ben's 30+ years of experience and professionalism will help lead the SSA team onward an upward. Ben will assume some of the duties of marketing and running the company while continuing his role as chief specifier and project architect on specific projects.

Sandberg & Small Architecture is also pleased to announce the appointment of **ALAN WENDELBOE** as Associate with SSA. Alan is the holder of a Masters in Architecture from UNLV. He has worked directly with Ken Small in developing multiple award winning projects over the last 4+ years. Alan will be working primarily in SSA's institutional studio.

Ken Small AIA has sold his interest in **KWM Construction**. Ken and Sandberg & Small Architecture no longer have any relationship with KWM. The departure of KWM has re-dedicated SSA to the practice of pure architecture. SSA and Ken wish KWM the best and congratulate them on their new offices in Henderson.

Ninyo & Moore performed a geotechnical design evaluation for the Carroll M. Johnston Middle School project. The project includes construction of four middle school classroom buildings, a gymnasium structure, and associated campus improvements. Ninyo & Moore's services included formulation of recommendations regarding site grading, and design and construction of building foundations and floor slabs, retaining walls, exterior concrete flatwork, on-site asphalt concrete pavement, and half-street improvements. Ninyo & Moore has also been retained to provide materials testing and special inspection services for this project, which is estimated for completion by early 2006.

Ninyo & Moore has also been retained to provide special inspection and materials testing services during construction of the UMC Hospital Northeast Building Addition and Southwing Remodel project located at 1800 West Charleston Boulevard in Las Vegas, Nevada. The project consists of constructing a new five-story tower and a two-story addition to the existing hospital. Ninyo & Moore's services for this project will include observation and testing during grading activities; concrete reinforcement, structural masonry, structural steel, and fireproofing inspections; and laboratory testing of soil samples and construction materials. This project is estimated for completion in 2007.

Engineering News Record, a national publication that annually ranks the Top 400 Contractors in the country, has ranked **R&O Construction** at 229th. R&O realized a significant climb from its 273rd ranking in 2004. Companies are ranked by construction revenues and number of new contracts in 2004.

CAROL COLEMAN ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT FROM FRAZEE

After 20 years in the paint business, Carol Coleman, FCSI,CDT has made the decision to retire. Carol says, "I want to spend more time with my husband, my granddaughters, my family, my friends and my two new baby Shih-Tzus".

She assures us that she plans on staying involved with CSI and AIA, stating, "I cannot leave this industry "cold turkey" so you will see me at most of those organization's chapter meetings". We wish Carol all of the best during this new, exciting chapter of her life.

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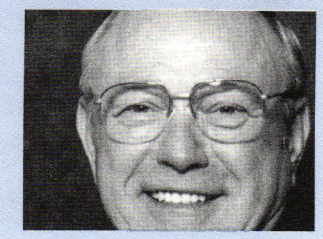
NEVADA MAKES A BIG STEP AND COMMITMENT TO GREEN BUILDING

Nevada second only to Washington State

On June 7, the 73rd Nevada Legislature Session passed a Special Session bill, Assembly Bill 3 (AB3), in the 22nd Special Session. AB3, which is a hybrid version of Assembly Bill 385 (AB385), was introduced by Senator Townsend and Assemblywoman Giunchigliani. Originally, Assemblywoman Chris Giunchigliani introduced AB385, which revised provisions governing building and zoning and create incentives and standards for green buildings, back on March 24; however, AB385 did not make its way out of the floor due to political canons. On June 17, AB3, which requires all state funded projects meet a LEED Certified (minimum level) standard, among other requirements, was signed by the Governor into Nevada State Law. The bill makes various changes relating to energy, conservation, construction and renovation and creates incentives and standards for green buildings. Furthermore, during each biennium, at least two occupied public buildings whose construction will be sponsored or financed by the State of Nevada must be designated as a demonstration project and be equivalent to a LEED Silver or higher certification, or an equivalent standard. Section 2 of AB3 also describes that "each occupied public building whose construction is sponsored or financed by a local government may meet the requirements to be certified at or meet the equivalent of the base level (LEED Certified) or higher in accordance with the LEED Green Building Rating System, or equivalent standard." The entire state of Nevada will benefit for decades due to our public buildings being more energy-, water-, resource-efficient, and healthier places to work.

AIA NEVADA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dale Scheideman, AIA



The 2005 AIA National Convention is over and Nevada's legislators have gone home - - - good news on both accounts.

Other than summer vacations, the next major event is the Western Mountain Region's conference. This year's event will be August 25–27, at the Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix. The conference agenda looks great and the Biltmore is truly an outstanding place for the convention. I would recommend all attend.

Following on Wednesday, October 5th is the *AIA Las Vegas Product Show* and then on Saturday, November 5th we will hold the *Nevada Excellence in Design and Service Awards* event at Caesars Palace - - an opportunity for Nevada's architecture and outstanding people to be recognized. I would encourage everyone to submit your projects/designs for all to see. We have outstanding juries and the event promises to be special - - as always.

AIA Las Vegas
Member Survey
2005 - 2006

Name: _____ (optional)
Firm: _____ (optional)
Member: AIA Assoc. AIA Allied
please circle one

FORUM Newsletter

The newsletter and our Group Email are two of our most important member communications tools. We want to utilize them effectively to the benefit our members. Often the question has been raised regarding the best way to distribute our monthly FORUM newsletter. When polled in the past, members indicated that they prefer receiving it by mail, and are more likely to read it and share it with their staff when it arrives in the mail. Some members have suggested that it may be more convenient to receive it by email and print it or read it in this format. We would like your feedback on this issue, to assist us in getting the newsletter to you in the most effective manner. Please answer the following questions and add your comments:

What do you feel is the most effective and beneficial way for you to receive your FORUM newsletter?

- ☐ By regular mail _____
- ☐ By email _____
- ☐ Download from the website _____

When you receive the newsletter via mail, do you read it?

- ☐ Yes _____
- ☐ No _____
- ☐ Sometimes _____

Do you use the newsletter to plan your attendance at AIA events?

- ☐ Yes _____
- ☐ No _____
- ☐ Sometimes _____

Do you find the newsletter to be informative and helpful?

- ☐ Yes _____
- ☐ No _____
- ☐ Sometimes _____

If you received the newsletter via e-mail, would you take the time to read it?

- ☐ Yes _____
- ☐ No _____
- ☐ Not Sure _____

Would you download and print it or read from your computer screen?

- ☐ Print _____
- ☐ Computer Screen _____

The newsletter is posted to the www.aialasvegas.org website each month. Do you, or have you ever, gone to the website to download or read the newsletter?

- ☐ Yes - Frequently _____
- ☐ No - Never _____
- ☐ Occasionally _____

Do you advertise in the newsletter?

- ☐ Yes _____
- ☐ No _____

If the newsletter went to an electronic file format rather than a mailed hard copy, would it make you more likely or less likely to advertise in the newsletter?

- ☐ More likely _____
- ☐ Less Likely _____

Additional comments regarding the newsletter:

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2006 Planning
2006 marks the 50th Anniversary of the AIA Las Vegas Chapter. We would like to celebrate this special occasion with several events that will bring greater awareness of AIA Las Vegas to the community.

What are your suggestions for celebrating this special anniversary year?

What are your suggestions for topics for member meetings?

Member Benefits
AIA members receive many benefits on each level of membership; local, state, regional and national. What do you feel are the most valuable? Please rate each of the following on a scale of 1 - 5 (5 being the most important to you) and circle.

1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 C.E. Credit Opportunities
1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 Lectures and access to noted architects
1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 Networking and getting to know other professionals
1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 Social Events - Golf, Putting, Membership Meetings
1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 Design Awards Programs
1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 Service Awards Programs
1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 Connection to the community

Product Show
What kind of giveaway/enticement would make you more likely to attend the product show?

Any suggestions on how to improve the Product Show and increase attendance?

Benefits of hosting the AIA 2005 National Convention
The budget for our hosting of the Convention included a profit for the Chapter when all the final accounting is completed. It is unknown at this point what the final dollar amount will be, however, we anticipate that it will be a respectable sum. If the Chapter were to realize a profit of $100,000 or more, what would be your suggestion regarding its use?

Several ideas have already been suggested. They are as follows (please circle any you agree with):
1. **Retain any profits as a Reserve Fund for the Chapter.** The Chapter currently has no reserve and operates strictly on dues income and non-dues revenue generated each year. A reserve fund would provide security in the event that our membership decreased significantly or we were unable to generate the sponsorship and event income we are dependent upon.
2. **Help to provide the initial funding for the Chapter's Publication Division:** By establishing our own publishing division, the Chapter can realize substantial income from our own Architecture Las Vegas magazine, Directory & Resource Guide, and other publications. This would provide a strong revenue source through advertising sales, and distribution to local retail outlets. Initial funding is necessary in order to get the publishing division established and suggestion has been made that, at least, a part of any convention revenue should be used for this purpose.
3. **Scholarship Endowment Fund:** AIA Las Vegas awards over $6,000.00 in scholarships each year. Suggestion has been made to add any convention revenue to the endowment fund.
4. **New – More Public – Location:** While the Chapter hopes to always maintain a presence in the School of Architecture at UNLV, it is important that we also have a public identity. With a more accessible and public location for our offices, and perhaps additional space for a small bookstore, (document sales) meeting, lecture and gallery space, the Chapter could expand the presence of AIA and the profession in the community.
5. **AIA LV Resource Center:** We have an opportunity to expand our member benefits by establishing a Resource Center, that would provide a product reference library for architects and designers in the community. AIA Allied members who manufacture, sell or distribute products and services to the industry would have a central location for their product information. The Resource Center would provide a valuable service to the community, and would also be an additional income source for the Chapter. Initial funding is necessary in order to establish this service and it has been suggested that a part of any convention revenue should be used for this purpose.

We truly appreciate you taking the time to assist us. Please ***fax*** *this survey to AIA Las Vegas:* ***702.895.4417.*** *Thank you!*

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8th annual Las Vegas design/build competition

call for entries

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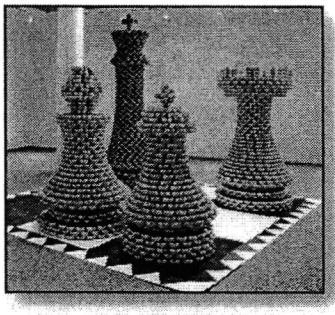
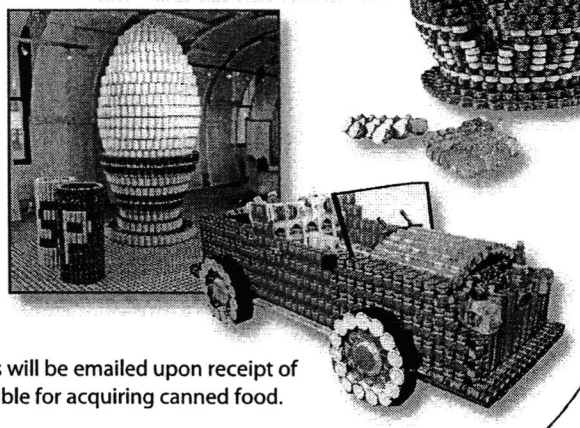
Think you have what it takes to design and build a structure made of nothing more than canned food, ingenuity, and luck? Enter today. Get creative, help stop hunger. one can.

Who	Teams of Las Vegas Architects, Engineers, Contractors, Designers and Students attending Schools of Architecture, Engineering and Design.	
What	Design & build structures made entirely from canned foods within a 10' x 10' x 8'h space.	
When	Sept. 16th	Deadline for Entry - 5pm
	Sept. 20th	Kickoff Meeting
	Oct. 13th	Build Night
	Oct. 14th	Judging & Awards Gala
Where	Fashion Show Mall	
Why	To benefit the Community Food Bank	
How	Complete entry form below. Entry fee $150. Make check payable to: SDA Las Vegas Chapter	





Mail to: Marie Cannata
Mercury-LDO Reprographics
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Las Vegas, Nevada 89120

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Complete rules and regulations will be emailed upon receipt of entry form. Teams are responsible for acquiring canned food.

firm name _____

address _____

phone _____ fax _____

team captain _____ homephone _____

cellphone _____ email _____

For further info call Marie Cannata at (702) 436-7272, mcannata@mercury-ldo.com
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As the clock ticked toward 1 AM on Tuesday, June 7 it was apparent the Millennium Scholarship debate was flunking, and with it the chance to adjourn on time. Senate Republicans, expressing a fear the six year old program aimed at helping Nevada's college students was running out of money, demanded the eligibility requirements be tightened. That didn't set well with the Assembly Democrats who said tighter requirements would make it harder for many students to afford higher education in Nevada. The compromise? All students who begin college next year will have to maintain a 2.75 grade point average, up from the current 2.50, from their sophomore year forward in order to remain eligible for the scholarship. Also, they could not use the scholarship for more than 12 credits per semester, meaning they would have to pay for extra credits. Currently, they can take as many credit hours as they want to. Compromise reached, problem solved.

For voters, the '05 Session will be remembered for putting money back in to the pockets of voters, it will also be remembered for putting a cap on property taxes. AB 489 capped property tax increases statewide at 3 percent, with an 8 percent cap for Clark County businesses. Lawmakers also agreed to give back excess state revenue to Nevada taxpayers through a rebate on vehicle registration, with a maximum check of $275 per car for individuals and businesses and a minimum of $75. Even those who don't drive will get a check.

Among the bills passed by both houses and either signed by the governor or awaiting his signature:
The budget. Funding for a $32 million science and math education building at the University of Nevada, Reno, is included in the deal. But $25 million sought by Ways and Means Chairman Morse Arberry (D-Las Vegas) for a Las Vegas academic medical center for the University of Nevada School of Medicine was cut to $1.5 million. It later picked up $4 million more. Approved, too, was $9 million in estate taxes to finally allow construction of the first classroom building for the Nevada State College at Henderson.

Nevada businesses will see a modest rollback in the payroll tax. SB 523 will reduce the tax on business by $15 million over the next two years. It takes effect on July 1.

OTHER LEGISLATION OF INTEREST TO AIA

This was a relatively quiet legislative session for the AIA Nevada. Design build and tort reform were not the priorities that we have experienced in the last two (2) legislative sessions. There was an attempt to strengthen the one tort reform measure that we had supported previously. SB 191 would have further strengthened the "certificate of merit" requirements; however, that measure died in the Assembly Judiciary Committee. On behalf of the AIA, we did support Assembly Bill 156, a measure requested by the Engineers. This bill modified language concerning a design professional's obligation to defend a public agency when doing work for that agency. If the design professional's liability insurance does not provide for defense of the public agency, the design professional is only responsible for those costs of defense that are directly proportionate to his liability. We also supported amendments to Senate Bill 110. The original legislation would have allowed the Washoe County Airport Authority to circumvent the public works requirements that they had previously been under. The amendment basically requires the Airport Authority to consider contracts with design professionals under the current public works requirements.

NEW LICENSES ISSUED BY NEVADA BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Four new certificates of registration were issued at the NSBAIDRD. **JENNIFER RAE TAYLOR** (Henderson) is the new architect. The new residential designers are **DAVID D. BARNES** (Las Vegas), **PAULA BECK** (Carson City) and **BRIAN HENDRIX** (Gardnerville).

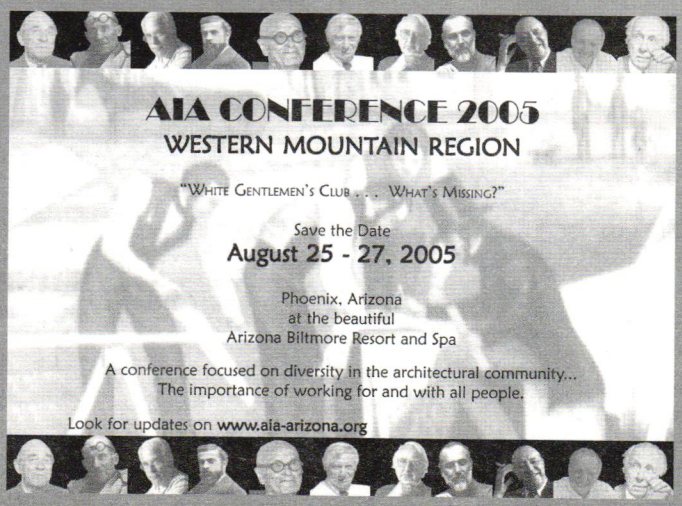
2005 EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN & DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Entry Forms and Fees Due Date Changed

The official call for entries for the AIA Nevada Excellence In Design Awards, and the call for nominations for the Distinguished Service Awards will go out in July. Watch for the Call for Entries mailer, and mark these dates on your calendar:

Design Awards Schedule
July 1 – 1st Call for Entries
Aug 1 – 2nd Call for Entries
Sept 2- Entry Forms & Fees Deadline
Oct 14 - Submittals & Boards Deadline
Oct 21 – Late Submittals Deadline ($50.00 fee)
Oct 28 – Jury of Awards
Nov 5 – Excellence in Design Awards Banquet

Service Awards Schedule
July 1 – 1st Call for Nominations
Aug 1 - Deadline for Nominations
Aug 2 – Nominees Notified
Sept 16 – Service Binders Deadline
Sept 23 – Service Awards Jury
Sept 26 – Service Award Recipients Notified
Nov 5 – Distinguished Service Awards Banquet



2005 WMR CONFERENCE AND DESIGN AWARDS

August 25-27, 2005 at the Arizona Biltmore

Do we really need to talk about diversity? What difference does diversity make to my practice of architecture? What is the economic impact of diversity or lack of? Why does our profession have so few women and minorities reaching licensure? What are the statistics of women and minorities in our region?

If you are asking any of these questions, then you need to attend this conference. The AIA is striving to expand the diversity of the design professions to mirror the society that we serve; to promote awareness of the contributions of architects from under-represented racial, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, age or disability groups; to encourage alternatives to traditional practice models; and to provide opportunities for an ever-greater variety of individuals to become architects, take advantage of leadership opportunities and influence our practices and professional lives.

Thursday, August 25, 2005
Come and hear Theodore Landsmark, Esq., Assoc. AIA, Chair of the AIA Diversity Committee give a keynote addressing the answers to the above questions. Be a part of facilitated discussion groups with John Anderson, FAIA, the 2001 President of the AIA, Paul Taylor, AIA as President of the National Organization of Minority Architects, Kate Schwennsen, AIA current Vice-President of the AIA and 2006 President as well as John Padilla, AIA. Learn why this issue is a high riority and why so few minorities and women survive the path toward licensure. A special presentation in the evening will feature Johnpaul Jones, FAIA - Jones and Jones, who will talk about the National Museum of the American Indian.

Friday, August 26, 2005
Be ready to enjoy exciting design work that involves women and minority firms. Featuring Jennifer Seigel, David Baird and Roger Oers. In the afternoon hear from Craig Hodgetts, the Western Mountain Region Design Awards Chair. Finally, hear a wrap up from an outside sociological perspective with Celestino Fernandez and Theodore Landsmark.

Saturday, August 27, 2005
There's a golf tournament scheduled for fun plus they're planning an exciting Legacy Project.

For more information go to: www.aia-arizona.org

CALL FOR EXHIBITS FROM MINORITY FIRMS OR INDIVIDUALS

Submittals due at the AIA Arizona office by August 15.
Exhibit will be on display at the Arizona Biltmore, August 25-27.
Cost is $15.00.

For further submittal information please contact: Edgar Brown, Jr. at edaleyjr@lycos.com.

LAS VEGAS CSI FOUNDATION 2ND ANNUAL COSMIC BOWLING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Date: Saturday, August 20, 2005
Time: 5:00 PM
Location: Texas Station Lanes
2101 Texas Star Lane
North Las Vegas, NV

All proceeds to benefit the Las Vegas CSI Scholarship Foundation, which was established in May of 2001 as a non-profit foundation that supports student's scholastic efforts through the funding of scholarships. The scholarships are open to Nevada residents studying architecture, construction science and technology, engineering, landscape architecture, construction management, and interior design. The Las Vegas CSI Foundation is an affiliate of the Las Vegas Chapter Construction Specification Institute, a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the process of creating and sustaining the non-residential built environment.

For more information contact:
Kelle Heming at kheming@vistapaint.com

DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY OF ARCHITECTURE PROFESSION

As you may be aware, The American Institute of Architects (AIA) passed a resolution at its 2004 Convention to "Strengthen the Demographic Diversity of the Design Profession." In furtherance of that resolution, the AIA, in cooperation with the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS), the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), has retained the Holland & Knight Corporate Diversity Counseling Group, one of the premier diversity counseling groups in the country, to undertake a demographic data audit of the architecture/design profession. The objectives of the audit are to better understand the existing demographics of the profession, the reasons underlying the under-representation of women and minorities in the profession, and to track and improve the diversity of the profession over time. The results of this study will also inform future programs and initiatives to foster a true culture of inclusion, greatly enhancing our profession and the quality of life in our communities. This is a historic undertaking that will require the participation of all members of the profession, across every demographic, at every level, from student to senior practitioner, to achieve the stated goals.

The first data collection phase is this electronic demographic survey. The survey will take less than 10 minutes to complete and is completely anonymous. However, there is an opportunity at the end of the survey to provide contact information if you would like to be involved in subsequent data collection phases of this audit, including focus groups and one-on-one interviews. To reach the broadest audience, please forward this link to your friends, associates, colleagues, classmates, and others in the profession. We sincerely apologize if you have received this survey multiple times. In an effort to be comprehensive we are utilizing several e-mail lists and there may be unintended duplication. Thank you for your participation in this important endeavor.

If you are interested in taking the survey, please go to www.aia.org/div_survey.

AIA eCLASSROOM PRESENTS CALATRAVA FROM THE CONVENTION

See Calatrava from the Convention: You now can see the keynote address by 2005 AIA Gold Medal recipient Santiago Calatrava,that won him three standing ovations, and can earn 1 CES credit to boot. AIA members may take the "Santiago Calatrava Works his Magic," course for $29.95 ($59.95 nonmembers). This AIA eClassroom course offers video with slides and requires high-speed Internet connection.

For more information go to www.eclassroom.aia.org

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THE UNLV SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE NEEDS YOUR HELP

Call for Volunteers

The UNLV School of Architecture is looking for jurors and occasional studio guest critics/advisors. AIA has learned that mid-review and even final juries for graduating students are often not well attended, and sometimes not attended by anyone except the studio instructor. The hard working students at UNLV not only need, they deserve to have, a professional and intelligent jury (which provides both critical and positive feedback) in order to grow and improve. It is an integral and important part of their education to receive rigorous input and criticism during the design education process, especially from the practicing architects in their community. This is not a long-term commitment and you are in no way obliged to attend a jury except when you can fit it in your schedule.

If you are a licensed architect and are willing to volunteer just a couple hours of your time at least once during the semester, please email Randy Lavigne - rlavigne@aialasvegas.org and Rick Van Diepen, Assoc. AIA - rvdiepen@pgal.com. Your name will be placed on a contact list for future reference. This list will be distributed to the faculty when jury members or professional guidance are needed.

JACK B. SHEEHAN, AIA

The Design and Construction Industry lost a valued and trusted colleague with the passing of **JACK B. SHEEHAN, AIA** on May 20th, after a courageous battle with cancer.

With an architectural career that spanned over 45 years, Jack has left us with rich and profound architectural works that have shaped our communities. The firm he founded in 1975 which was to become Sheehan Van Woert Bigotti Architects has designed over 200 projects over 30 years. His work includes such recognized projects as the UNR Mackay School of Mines, John Ascuaga's Nugget Tower Expansion, Reno Transit CitiCenter, Sierra Nevada Job Corps Center, and Washoe County Jail and Administration Building.

He touched many of us with his creative mind and gentle heart, and he was the consummate professional. He leaves behind a wonderful loving family and two saddened but appreciative partners.

A memorial remembrance was held on June 6 at the Sheehan residence where many of Jack's friends, colleagues and loved-ones celebrated the life of this wonderful man.

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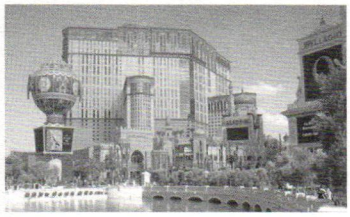

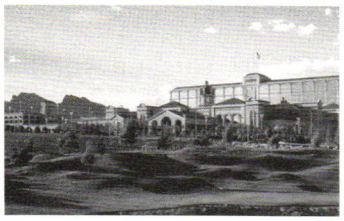

IT'S CES AUDIT TIME!

The Institute is conducting annual audits to check for AIA member compliance with Continuing Education System (CES) requirements for membership. To check your CES credits go to **aia.org**, click on the Continuing Education page, enter your member number and your password - which is your last name - and get the full list of your current credits; or call 800-605-8229 and provide your member number to receive the update of your credits. As in the past, credits earned during the first nine months of the current year (2005) may be applied toward the audit year (2004). If you have any questions, contact AIA Continuing Education Director Thom Lowther, 202-626-7478 or visit the AIA Web site.

CHECK YOUR WEBSITES

aianevada.org - This is your AIA Nevada website. You will want to check for updates new legislation and issues that affect the profession, and possibly need your attention or action. This is also where you'll find information on the 2005 AIA Nevada Excellence In Design and Distinguished Service Awards program, and links to all vital AIA resources.

aiawmr.org - This is your Western Mountain Region website. Check it often for issues that concern our region and for the latest updates from AIA National Board Meetings. You'll also find information here for the 2005 WMR Conference and the WMR Design and Honor Awards Programs.

aialasvegas.org - This is your home site and will provide all information on Chapter events and activities, resources, programs and opportunities. Check it often for updates and to RSVP for meetings and events.

TheAIATrust.com - This is your site for your AIA benefits provided through the AIA Trust. Check it often for insurance, retirement and legal information.

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2005 LUNCHTIME LEARNING

Get your AIA C.E. Credits by attending these interesting and informative luncheons throughout the year.

July 28, 2005
Lerch Bates

August 25th, 2005
"Incorporating Interactive Whiteboard Into Your Designs" - SMART Techinologies

September 22nd, 2005
"Incorporating to Sustainability and Responsible Interior Wall Finishes" - InPro Corporation

October 27th, 2005
Semco

November 17th, 2005
Schirmer Engineering

December 8th, 2005
Vertical Mobility

Please RSVP to Kelly Lavigne at 702.895.0936 if you wish to attend. Please do not RSVP if you are not sure you will be able to attend as space is limited.

2005 GREEN BUILDING TRAINING SERIES

McGraw-Hill Construction Brings Educational Seminars to Las Vegas

Wednesday, August 17th
Training Module 4: The Cost & Financial benefits of Green Construction

Wednesday, October 19th
Training Module 5: LEED Project Case Studies

Wednesday, December 14th
Training Module 6: Comparison & Contrast of the new LEED Rating Systems

Time: 2:30 - 6:00 pm
Location: AGC Las Vegas Chapter Building
150 N. Durango Dr.
Las Vegas, NV 89145

For more information contact Megan Schimmelpfennig at 800.580.3406 Ext. 2

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Limited Office Hours
Randy & Kelly on Vacation

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August

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AIA Las Vegas Membership Meeting

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WMR Conference
Phoenix, AZ

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Lunchtime Learning
Presented by SMART Techinologies
"Incorporating Interactive Whiteboard Into Your Designs"

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AIA Nevada Ex Com Meeting

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AIA Las Vegas Fall Putting Tournament

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AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting

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AIA Las Vegas Membership Meeting

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Lunchtime Learning
Presented by InPro Corporation
"Incorporating to Sustainability and Responsible Interior Wall Finishes"

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